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## **Food Processing and Distributing**

### **Requirements for Licensing**

You have indicated an interest in starting a business processing & distributing food. The attached sheet gives you an outline of the information that is required for the Health District to license and permit your proposed business.

It is not possible for the Health District or state Food Protection program to act as your consultant for bottling, sealing, packaging, or food processing procedures. You must propose a process for review, or hire a consultant to assist you.

This information is sent to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for review. The FDA will determine if their agency will regulate your business based on the product, the volume, and the estimated percentage of the interstate commerce. It is necessary that the Health Department get this determination from the FDA (or USDA with Meat Processors) before proceeding with facility and licensing review.

If the FDA or USDA answers that they will NOT assume jurisdiction for your food business, then your plans will be submitted and reviewed by the Health Department. Your application will be approved or denied a food license under the *Idaho Food Code*. The Idaho Food Code can be accessed on the internet at:  
<http://cdhd.idaho.gov/ehs/food2.htm>.

You may obtain *A Comprehensive Guide for Idaho Specialty Food Processors* from the Idaho Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 790, Boise ID 83701-0790. You can also telephone that agency at 327-8530 or find them on the Internet at:  
[www.agri.state.id.us](http://www.agri.state.id.us).